



Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

AGENDA

Date: September 8, 2014

Time: 7:00pm

**Place of Meeting:
Parks Administration
7 South Sunset
Longmont, Co. 80501**

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1. Roll Call
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5. Old Business
 - A. Recreation Master Plan Strategic Direction
6. New Business
 - A. St. Vrain Blueprint
 - B. Boulder County Open Space and Trails Request
7. On-Going Items Update (attachments)
8. Items from Staff
9. Items from Board
10. Public Invited to be Heard
11. Adjournment

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
August 11, 2014

1. Roll Call

Present were; Sharon O'Leary, Cherese Montgomery, Jim Wardell, Doug Golliher, Rick Accountius, JD Birchmeier, and Brian Bagley.

Staff Present: Jeff Friesner, Aurora Black, Paula Fitzgerald, Kim Shugar, Clarke, Kathy Kron

2. Approve Agenda

Motion by Sharon O'Leary to approve the agenda was seconded by Rick Accountius, motion passed

3. Approval of Previous Month's Minutes

Motion by Sharon O'Leary to approve the agenda was seconded by Rick Accountius, motion passed

4. Public Invited to be heard

A. Sue Connolly, S. Main St., Longmont, Co

- i. Dickens Farm Park
- ii. Involved in most meetings, including the revamp of the new Master Plan
- iii. Have concerns, in which most were addressed in the last Master Plan
- iv. Still have questions regarding access off of Main St, south of them, and continued access. Haven't seen the new bridge plans due to 34% more water increase going under the bridge.
- v. Already discussed their concerns with Paula and the materials used.
- vi. Suggestions
 1. Having access to the river and not having to cross City's paths to get their water.
 2. They have a temporary sewer line running across a man hole. To get to their water source, they have to go out of their way. Paula is aware of the situation.
 3. It's not a prescribed easement or access. Waiting for sewer line to be buried.
 4. Having to run longer lines to the center of the river to pull water.
- vii. Question from Brian Bagley – How do they get their water?
 1. Pump it out of the river, on to their easement, on to the pump house and it goes underground to their property.
 2. When parks puts paths and walkways, they're not going to want their water lines going over the top of the sidewalk. They want to end up with their water lines going underneath the bridge and pathways, directly to their property.
 3. Parks has done a phenomenal job.
- viii. Kim Koenig, 136 S. Main St. It is the oldest land grant in the state, 1862 water right.

B. Nate Lord – 1514 Jefferson, Longmont, Co

- i. President of Team Colorado, White Water Rafting
 1. Any kind of waterpark is a tremendous community resource in revenue for the city and resource for our youth. The kids he's associated with represent the U.S. in Junior and Senior Nationals that compete all over the world, as well as local competitions.

C. Sharon O'Leary closed public invited to be heard.

5. New Business

A. Dickens Farm Park – MP Revisions – Paula Fitzgerald presenting

- i. July 2013 Master Plan approval
- ii. No full public process due to timing of recent approval
- iii. Scope of design work to fit approved program elements on flood altered site
- iv. Summary of Changes from Approved Master Plan
 1. River Park & Floodplain
 - a. Flood - significantly different site with low-flow channel generally following the post-flood alignment.
 - b. Floodplain per preliminary modeling (CH2MHill plan) – will continue to work with their modeling as it is finalized.
 - c. Assumes the Bonus Ditch does not get rebuilt at Dickens Farm Park – they have applied to move their point of diversion downstream.
 - d. River has a pool drop sequence instead of riffles and highly sinuous meanders:
 - i. Helps achieve the flood channel alignment proposed by CH2MHill
 - ii. Pool drops are more suitable for in-water recreation
 - iii. Fish passage will be designed into drop structures as in previous MP.
 - iv. Drops are small, 6-12 inches each, and pools are shallow, 2-3 feet.
 - e. Wetlands proposed adjacent to the creek in low lying areas: wildlife habitat, flood stability.
 - f. Backwater proposed in former creek channel: native fish refuge for species of concern, wildlife habitat. Depends on how water levels stabilize.
 - g. Significantly different access from previous MP due to the new channel alignment.
 - h. Four developed river access locations (five considering Main St future development).
 2. Ponds
 - a. N Pond shows more open water than previous MP
 - b. Intended for waterfowl habitat as in previous MP
 - c. East Pond size is reduced at the SW corner to accommodate 100-year floodplain flows per CH2MHill.
 - d. East Pond intended for native fish breeding, no fishing as in previous MP
 3. Trailhead
 - a. Location similar to the previous MP: slightly south and west, orientation rotated for better pedestrian circulation to SVG and river access.
 - b. Proposed amenities same as previous MP, slightly different locations. Includes:
 - i. Restroom & changing rooms
 - ii. Accessible nature-themed play area
 - iii. Bike tool station
 - iv. Irrigated turf area
 - v. Large shelter
 - vi. Program space
 4. St Vrain Greenway & Other trails
 - a. SVG
 - i. Similar to previous MP – will save the concrete trail where possible but won't force it.
 - ii. East bridge extended to span wider post-flood channel

- iii. West bridge relocated for stronger N/S relationship to Harvest Junction and Emery Street & parking.
- b. Other trails
 - i. somewhat different from previous MP
 - ii. Strong N/S connection planned to accommodate future development (Butterball & East of Main Street neighborhoods per PRT MP).
 - iii. Trails proposed around N pond as a recreation amenity
 - iv. Connection to Main St moved N for the new Main St bridge
- c. Nature Discovery Trail
 - i. Location adjusted for new creek location but in same general location as previous.
 - ii. Location on 'island' will be minimally affected by future floods
 - iii. Discovery zones adjacent to flood affected areas for educational opportunities.
- d. Bike Skills
 - i. Moved to high ground on the east side of the property
 - ii. More proximate to the parking lot and access via Martin Street
 - iii. Less visible 'front door' than previous plan (from Main St).
- 5. Other Amenities
 - a. Small shelters at two river access locations and the N Pond
 - b. Picnic tables associated with Main St and bike skills area
 - c. Interpretive signs planned for park, messages are tentative
- 6. Boston Avenue
 - a. Alignment is the same as the previous MP
 - b. On-street parking proposed for improved access and for overflow during events at the park.
 - c. Sidewalk proposed on S side of Boston to 'short-cut' through N side of park at N pond.
- 7. Water Wright pathway has several ways to be engineered to have less conflict with pathway users.
- 8. Questions
 - a. Cherese Montgomery – The Discover Trail would not be affected by the 100 year flood, however it's within the 100 year flood zone.
 - i. The Discovery Trail is on an existing island, not creating an island. Due to some of the high points, it would not be affected.
 - ii. The timing of Boston Ave, initially was not going to be completed, but now it is. Is it due to the delay? What is the funding for Boston Ave now being constructed versus the MP saying we probably won't have that?
 - 1. The MP is now closely aligned with the Boston Ave project. MP was delayed not Boston Ave.
 - b. Sharon O'Leary – The parking that will be provided for Boston Ave, is that angled parking? It will be parallel parking. It's a narrow drive. Parallel parking not convenient for large vehicles.
 - c. Rick Accountius - What about mosquitoes? There will be mosquitoes. There isn't anything that's going to be an additional attractant. There will be some occasional spraying. They're a good food source for the fish.
 - d. Doug Golliher – Trying to keep the original amenities for the potential user groups, have any of the changes impacted the amenities, that they're small enough to be uninteresting, as well the water features, and is the trail still going

to be long enough and interesting enough that people are going to use it, and the bike skills park. Are people going to use them?

- i. The Nature Trail, originally was quite a bit longer. There are connections in the new MP, that weren't there before. The trail is impacted a little, but it's not so much the trail, but the activities along the trail that are creating that nature trail.
- ii. The Internal Park Trails are more interesting than before. Added some trails for interests and usability.
- iii. The Bike Skills are unchanged. Utilizing the terrain, have some earth work to deal with. Location wise, it's changed.
- iv. Water – The flood has made the water project easier. It becomes much more like a river park. You can get into the river anywhere upstream. Creates a navigable channel.

- e. Rick Accountius – How big is this site? 54 acres. How many parking spaces? 35 or so. Similar to Roger's Grove. What kind of big events do you anticipate being held at this site? Not trying to make this a big event center. Not trying to duplicate Roger's Grove. Looking at environmental education events. Anticipate more excitement during high floods. What kind of trails? St. Vrain Greenway Pathway is 10' of concrete, the other trails could be concrete or pressured. Are we under any ADA obligations? Yes. Does this satisfy that? Yes. Pressured vine is not all-weather accessible, so alternate ADA routes available.

9. Looking for a recommendation. Taking to council as an informational item. Formal MP yet to be determined.

- a. Kim Shugar – Informational item – as the bridge is being done, putting it together. Will bring to council as well as PRAB. Want to communicate in phases and designs. Wanted to package it due to the many maps and designs. Figuring out how to piece it all together. Simplifying the process.
- b. Sharon O'Leary – Do you feel confident that access rights in public invited to be heard will be addressed in the later phase? This is a separate entity, and it will be addressed? Yes. Upon approval, this update will go to council? Yes.
- c. Sharon O'Leary – make a motion to go ahead and approve this MP as updated tonight. Rick Accountius 2nd it. Discussion – Cherise Montgomery – Friendly amendment to revise the proposal due to the water right easement, stating that PRAB's approval is with the water right easement being considered for final approval. All approved, passed unanimously.

B. Kanemoto Pool Concept Plan – Paula Fitzgerald presenting

- i. FEMA requirement to mitigate potential for reoccurrence – find a new home for the pool. Also the channel widening project will remove most of the land where the previous pool was located.
- ii. Hired OLC (previous pool designer) after full RFP process – familiar with Longmont
- iii. Utilized previously done CU survey (on-line) as baseline for design
- iv. Jeff went to neighborhood group in May to discuss desirability of splash pad vs pool
- v. July 15 open house
- vi. No full public process due to FEMA timing & scope (to replace the pool not envision something totally different).
- vii. Scope of design work to fit approved program elements on flood altered site. Includes the conceptual layout of the playground relocation but not its design. Playground design will be done in 2015 as part of the playground replacement .
- viii. Concept Plan
 1. Constraints

- a. Storm water / irrigation supply pipe in the area
 - b. Potable water supply in the area – may look at relocation if money is found.
 - c. Proximity to ball fields – safety issues will need to be addressed
 - d. Have to keep within a short distance to use the existing pump building and equipment.
2. Opportunities
 - a. Ease of access from parking lot- more prime position
 - b. Size of playground and turf area is suitable for pool
 - c. Use of existing buildings with minor modification is possible
 - d. Can reroute trails to better access ball fields and park.
 - e. Playground will have lighting
 - f. Playground is at the end of its useful life and needs replacement anyway.
3. Pool Concept
 - a. Parking lot (existing) with reuse of south walk and new north walk for park access.
 - b. Entry at south side access – wider walkways with fence 3' or so off the walk.
 - c. Use existing shower water supply for park drinking fountain
 - d. Reassign restroom units to park / pool – all existing
 - e. Modify the pump building for viewing into the pool area and reassignment of entry / pay room.
 - f. Zero depth entry with sprays and slide.
 - g. Provisions for future additional water features will be built into the design – allows renewal projects without damage to pool.
 - h. Deeper water for water safety and classes – includes bench
4. Image board:
 - a. Water features may be like what's shown on top left and center bottom
 - b. Center picture is about what the EXPERIENCE will be like – but won't literally look like this (this is much bigger).
 - c. Slide (top right) will be much smaller and geared towards tots into more shallow water (18") or like the rec center.
 - d. Bottom right picture captures the overall feel with zero depth and guard rail entry. Larger than this facility.
 - e. Umbrellas could be similar to what is shown on the bottom left – but not in the water. More umbrella locations are shown than would be initially installed.
 - f. Bubblers will be included (right middle)
5. Some of the existing trees will have to be removed. Will preserve as many as possible especially the high quality trees (oak).
6. Will salvage and relocate the covered bench
7. Will include extensions to the ball field fence and a new hood to provide safety. Also will control safety from fly balls by scheduling pool and/or ball field use hours to not coincide.
8. Playground shown in existing volleyball court. That court is underused and includes a concrete curb which is a safety issue for volleyball.
 - a. Can relocate to another part of the park if there is request for it.
 - b. The playground could use the existing curb and gutter or be designed to be more freeform as shown. TBD in next year's playground design work.
9. Questions:

- a. Rick Accountius – Concerned that the bank work is pretty close to the south side wall. Is there an engineering design that can protect the existing infrastructure should we have another event? The Left Hand Creek project is accommodating the 100 year flood. Yes, we can get a 500 year storm, or a 1,000 year storm, but if go any more than 100 year storm, the cost to the project increases significantly. They feel comfortable with what they're doing? Yes
 - b. Doug Golliher – Dimensions? Capacity? 5' off of water line is where the pool would start. Jeff Friesner – the deck and grass area will be just a little larger than it was before, and the pool is virtually the same size as before.
 - c. Rick Accountius – Was the playground relocation at the behest of the neighborhood? Thought the volleyball court got used quite a lot. By most people that showed for the meeting, they thought it was used very little. The neighborhood didn't request for the move. Like the light elements. It brings desirable elements.
 - d. Sharon O'Leary – Going to reuse playground equipment? No, playground equipment already scheduled to be replaced.
 - e. Sharon O'Leary – Commending staff for listening to PRAB and neighborhood for doing what's best for all. Recommendation to council. Acceptance of the project. Rick Accountius made motion to make recommendation of the concept to council. All in favor, passes unanimously.
 - f. JD Birchmeier – Left Hand Creek is making great progress.
- C. Lanyon and Spangler Park Renewal Plan – Kathy Kron presenting
 - i. Clarke with Community Neighborhood Resources has partnered with the project
 - ii. Have been using 3 designs
 - iii. What's funded? playground at both, restroom at Spangler
 - iv. Make sure they're ADA compliant
 - v. MP updates – what we have, what's working, how to make useful?
 - vi. Had Neighborhood meeting for both in March 2014 for input on preliminary concept
 - vii. National Night Out – 60 came through booth. At least 400 at the event.
 - viii. Preliminary playground concepts
 - ix. Get support/recommendation from PRAB
 - x. Spangler Park
 - 1. Mountain View is the main access for the park
 - 2. Shelter with multiuse field and existing areas
 - 3. Only have swings, but getting playground area
 - 4. Have existing restrooms
 - 5. Opened up the views to the park by relocating restrooms
 - 6. Proposed trees for screening from the neighborhood
 - 7. Unfunded future potential improvements
 - 8. Multiuse field is playable by relocating living trees
 - 9. Circulation wise – have a new trail to create a programmable site
 - 10. Parks like a loop area so they don't have to back out
 - 11. The Pond needs dredging. Not with this funding, have submitted for next funding
 - 12. More naturalized ditch corridor
 - 13. Can create a loop trail concept
 - 14. The City has street right of way to Collyer
 - 15. The main issues of this park is park access
 - 16. Irrigation modifications

17. The fence line is half way between the right-of-way. Need to acquaint property owners with correct property line.
18. The property dwelling is a Senior Community. They have fencing along their property.
 - a. Will there potentially be a conflict with including a new trail? It solves a conflict because we don't have public access to the park.
 - b. Adding a trail where there was no trail before.
 - c. Many children live near there, and they will now have access to the park, instead of going around.
 - d. Sharon O'Leary is thinking more of the noise factor to buffer sound. Can they include some bushes or trees? Yes, can work on that.
 - e. Will it be lit? Yes, there is approved lighting.
19. Current access from Baker St., with the bridge to nowhere. Will work with land owners to get an easement. Currently a dirt foot path. Bridge does need to be replace.
20. ADA parking lot, ADA walk way. Neighborhood did not support parking lot. But, provide ADA space. Jeff Friesner – can people get out safely on that street? Can be accommodated.
21. Doug Colliher – New Trail adjacent to school goes where? It ties into the street. It cuts through the green space, any issues with that? It created a new niche, a new programmable space. No concerns with it.
22. Rick Accountius – How big is the park? 3 acres.
23. JD Birchmeier– The inlet, what does that consist of? It's a concrete structure and the water goes south.
24. Playground
 - a. The playgrounds are not that large. Have some modifications to do.
 - b. Proposals submitted to the neighborhood.
 - c. All have swings.
 - d. 3 Concepts
 - e. Playgrounds can compliment each other.
25. JD Birchmeier– What's the forecast for number of kids? Don't have statistics.
26. Sharon O'Leary – Having one play feature for one park and another for the other park, is not going to work. Should have a balance of young children swings and older children swings. Should be accommodating both age groups. New standard is to have the age accommodating play, but don't have the budget to accommodate.
27. Comments on Spangler
 - a. Chereese Montgomery – likes the layout. It accommodates all age groups. Some of the designs can fit both age groups. Likes option A playground with elevation change.
 - b. Sharon O'Leary – keep swings a high priority. Segregate swings to divide and conquer.
 - c. Kathy Kron – don't have to make a recommendation, thought it was appropriate to share with PRAB since shared with the public.
 - d. Doug Colliher – agrees with Sharon to make both parks appeal to as broad of an age group as they can.
 - e. Sharon O'Leary recommendation to show support for renewal of Spangler park with future thought on playground layout being more multiage appropriate.
 - f. JD Birchmeier– add something on fencing next to the apartments on the trail, and city staff to negotiate usage of the open lot so users don't have to walk through private property.

- g. Sharon O'Leary motioned for recommendation with considerations of broad age group, fencing and sound barrier. Dough Golliher second the motion. All in favor.

D. Lanyon Park

- i. Keeping the playground in the same location. It's at the heart of the park, works well with the shelters and restrooms, and it's efficient for the costs.
- ii. The existing trails come through the heart of the park. Basketball courts, ball fields, restrooms
- iii. All the trails are too narrow currently. Need to widen for maintenance route.
- iv. There is currently a footpath, but it's too narrow.
- v. Will include an 8' wide footpath for the entry. It's a multiuse trail.
- vi. The Oligarchy Greenway runs through the park. It doesn't exist.
- vii. Trail by ball fields doesn't have access, has a fence, needs access.
- viii. Community need for another shelter and new benches.
- ix. Recommend for chain link fence to come down and include concrete paths.
- x. Removing some spruce trees.
- xi. Recommending ADA access for dug outs and ball fields.
- xii. Sustainable ways to reduce the resources needed with natural grasses that are low water.
- xiii. Circulation change.
- xiv. Playground
 - 1. Miracle playground equipment.
 - 2. Offering a 40% discount on Miracle playgrounds.
 - 3. Two concepts
 - 4. Lanyon playground is bigger than Spangler to start with, so don't want to replace with a smaller one.
 - 5. The surfacing
 - a. Working with engineers on fiber and mulch
 - b. Most ADA compliant – Port and Play. It does bind and compact.
- xv. Questions
 - 1. Jim Wardell– Multiuse fields should not be taken away. They're the only small fields in the area and are widely used.
 - 2. JD Birchmeier– What's behind the utility building? It looks like a small square box. Kathy will look into it.
 - 3. Doug- What is happening at both ends of the Oligarchy Greenway? Jeff – we've done trips to see where both ends go.
 - 4. Sharon O'Leary – concern is the Basketball court – in the heat of the moment, the player running to save the ball over the short fencing and the ball going out towards the path and hitting people. Cherise and JD didn't think it's a concern due to the benches and the concrete elevation. Kathy Kron – the scale design is shown conceptually. Will need to address that trip hazard.
 - 5. Comments/Recommendation
 - a. JD Birchmeier– Motioned to approve the trail alignment. Approve the plan as is. Doug 2nd it. All in favor – passes unanimously.

6. Kathy handed out invitations to the new park renewal for Garden Acres.

7. Old Business

A. Wishlist

- i. Suggestion was made to update gift catalog.
- ii. Opportunity for people to gift and donate to the City.

- iii. Create an ordinance to accept gifts up to \$10,000.
- iv. Looking for approval by Oct 1st.
- v. Questions
 - 1. Cherese Montgomery – Had a challenge with the wording of “will.” Thinks it’s too definitive. Prefers the “could” over “will.”
 - 2. Jeff Friesner– trying to drive people to the Wishlist website. Gifts can be specific as to the type and location. Whole goal is to drive people to the “Dear Reader” pages.
 - 3. Jim Wardell took the word “will” different, meaning that his gift will go to where he wants it to go. It’s not a restrictive word.
 - 4. Doug Golliher– Believes Jeff’s intend is to create a broad vision and excitement. Page 11 is creating more thoughts and ideas.
 - 5. Jeff Friesner– it took 3 years to get to this stage.
 - 6. Sharon O’Leary – acknowledge a job well done, are you thinking like an employee? No, more like a coach. Can things get murky, as far as developers giving us donations and not being pure of heart? We can deny that.
 - 7. Kim Shugar – the City is not obligated to accept a donation they feel is murky.
 - 8. Cherese Montgomery – what if somebody donates a gift, such as a water fountain, and it became very liked and popular, and what if the people want it replaced? Put it through the budget.
 - 9. Jeff Friesner– the City can’t financially replace every donation that gets damaged.
 - 10. Kim Shugar – should add a comment that the City is not responsible for replacing a damaged donation.
 - 11. Sharon O’Leary – should give kudos to Jeff and his group over the Wishlist.
 - 12. Jeff Friesner– just an informational item.

8. On-going Item Update

- A. Recreational Master Plan Strategic Direction – tabled until next month
- B. The Spring Gulch Trail
 - i. Is that going to run along the road? There will be a path along the green way.
- C. Is there a rental of kayaks at Union? Yes

9. Items from Staff

- A. The RP for feasibility study for competitive pool and ice rink currently out, due back August 21st.
- B. Stay at the Senior Center or move back to Parks Building? Go back to Parks Building.
- C. Paula Fitzgerald’s position is advertised. Retirement, Thursday, August 14th, 1-3pm.
- D. St Vrain blueprint – still in planning process.
- E. Process of 100 year channel being developed – dealing with the river.

10. Items from the Board

- A. JD Birchmeier– The observation deck. What kind of landscaping will be done? Native grasses and a lot of trees. Native natural. Martin St irrigation running at 2pm, it shouldn’t be. There’s irrigation issues there.
- B. Cherise Montgomery – volunteer opportunities for younger age children. Can do water station at say, Turkey Trot. The state approved a Volunteer Coordinator- benefit, 2 year position. Overview of seasonal things that can be done. Position not posted, needs to be approved by council.

C. JD Birchmeier– Wildlife reservation volunteers work with invasive weeds. Don't we have invasive weeds? Yes, not in our manicured parks.

11. Public invited to be heard – None

12. Meeting adjourned

The header graphic features a textured, reddish-brown background. On the left, there is a silhouette of a forest. The word "LONGMONT" is written in large, bold, serif capital letters across the top right. Below it, the words "Recreation Master Plan" are written in a smaller, bold, serif font.

Recreation Master Plan

Strategic Direction Framework

This document originated with the April 11, 2014 conversation with representatives of the Community Services Department about potential strategic directions for the Recreation Services Division. The ideas were further refined by the project team with six initial goals reduced to four and further work on the language. The Park and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed a draft at their July meeting. The draft strategic framework is based on the combined findings from the outreach specific to this planning effort and the outreach process shared with the Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan.

Vision

Current Vision:

Our vision is to provide meaningful and memorable recreation experiences for families and friends within a safe and fun learning environment!

Potential Vision Statements:

The following are presented as options for defining a new vision that is inclusive and captures what the desired future looks like. Other elements of the existing vision have been worked into the mission, principles and goals below.

- A. Recreation Services is the leader in providing inspiring activities and events that define Longmont as a unique place; welcoming all ages, backgrounds and abilities.
- B. Recreation Services is the first choice for fun and learning for a welcoming community of active, recreation-focused individuals from all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.

The project team continues to work on the specific language and feedback on words or concepts that seem especially valuable are encouraged.

Mission

The mission describes what Recreation Services does, its reason for being. The existing language and a proposed modification are provided below.

Current Mission Statement:

Recreation Services builds community through evolving, affordable recreation and leisure opportunities which encourage well-being and enhance the quality of life.

Potential Mission Statement:

Longmont Recreation Services builds community through evolving life-long recreation, leisure and learning opportunities for the health and well-being of our people and community.

Organizational Principles

The second part of the mission statement in its current form is a statement of what the Division values in accomplishing this mission. A new first point carries forward an important statement from the original vision. The final point is modified based on the suggestion about the role Recreation Services can play in economic development.

- Create **memorable and fun** experiences.
- Provide **diversity in programs, events and services** to meet the changing needs and interests of our community.
- Maintain **safe, well managed facilities** to ensure participation opportunities for all.
- Promote and encourage behaviors that support a **healthy lifestyle**.
- Offer programs and services at a cost that is **affordable**.

Potential Goals

1. **Introduce** users to program and service opportunities

Strategic Directions:

- Expand the user base, bringing more new participants to recreation services
- Build support for future funding
- Provide a wide range of *entry level* activities that appeal to a broad and inclusive community
- Create space within new budgeting process to innovate and follow trends
- Support the implementation of new ideas
- Remove barriers (perceived and actual) to participation

- Fill gaps between entry level and competitive level where demand and willingness to pay exist
- Evaluate new and existing programs on an regular basis, making data driven decisions about:
 - Life cycle of programs
 - Schedule choices
 - Funding availability, revenue generation

2. Maintain our **strengths**

Strategic Directions:

- Identify and sustain key strengths (programs, facilities, people)
- Recognize the broad set of partners that can and do assist in providing our strongest assets/programs
- Sustain the quality of facilities to maintain the attractiveness of Longmont parks for events, tournaments and as a place to visit

3. Explore and Expand **partnerships**

Strategic Directions:

- Build on existing internal partnerships, making use of the specialized expertise and passion within other Community Services divisions
- Identify capacity to expand external partnerships, moving Recreation Services into an appropriate role in relation to the strengths of partner organizations

4. Improve internal and external **messages** about Recreation offerings, impact and value.

Strategic Directions

- Develop and deliver specific messages to decision makers and employers about how Recreation contributes to Longmont's economy, health and sense of community
- Create more direct connections between Recreation Services, the Economic Development Department and Longmont Area Economic Council, positioning Recreation Services as a leader in these discussions
- Identify and target markets that align with City goals, acquire market research used by companies considering locating in Longmont
- Communicate compelling messages about what Recreation Services offers directly to current and potential users

ST. VRAIN BLUEPRINT GOALS

- Significantly reduce property and life safety hazards due to flooding
- Create an enhanced, attractive, park-like environment that is Longmont's "crown jewel"
- Leverage safety improvements and a beautiful greenway park to encourage quality investment and economic development on adjacent properties along the greenway

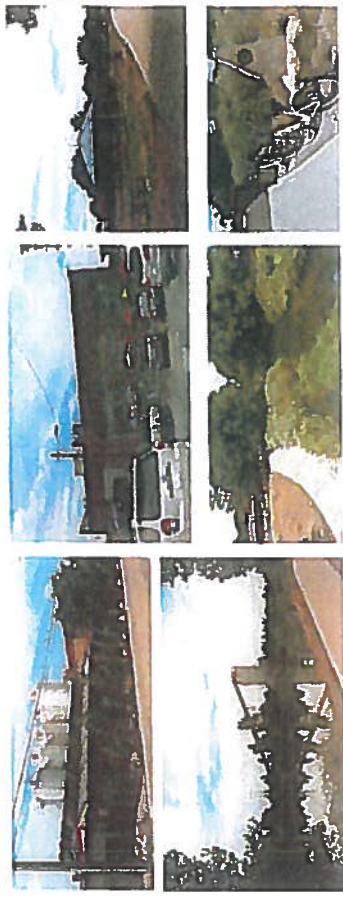
GREENWAY GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Respect the multiple functions of the greenway: flood conveyance, recreation, habitat preservation, and wildlife movement
- Balance and create a dynamic relationship between the natural and urban aspects of the greenway
- Maintain the intent of the St. Vrain Greenway Plan, Wildlife Management Plan, First & Main Plan, and Southeast Longmont Urban Redevelopment Plan.
- Add a variety of new recreation opportunities, on both public and private properties, in identified nodes along the greenway and avoid duplication of amenities
- Use the greenway as an educational tool to highlight unique characteristics of the greenway and provide interpretive information associated with the river – natural systems, historical and agricultural uses, and flood events.
- Improve visibility of the river and its role in the region to leverage the greenway as a central recreation and business asset for Longmont.
- Strengthen connections between the greenway and Longmont neighborhoods, destinations and other community amenities.

ST. VRAIN BLUEPRINT GOALS, GUIDING PRINCIPLES & OVERALL APPROACH



ST. VRAIN BLUEPRINT ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS REVIEW



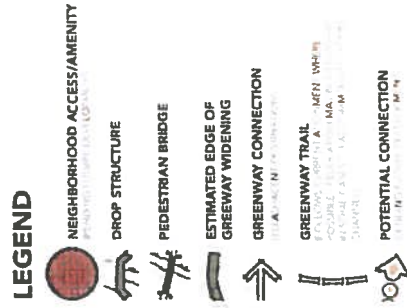
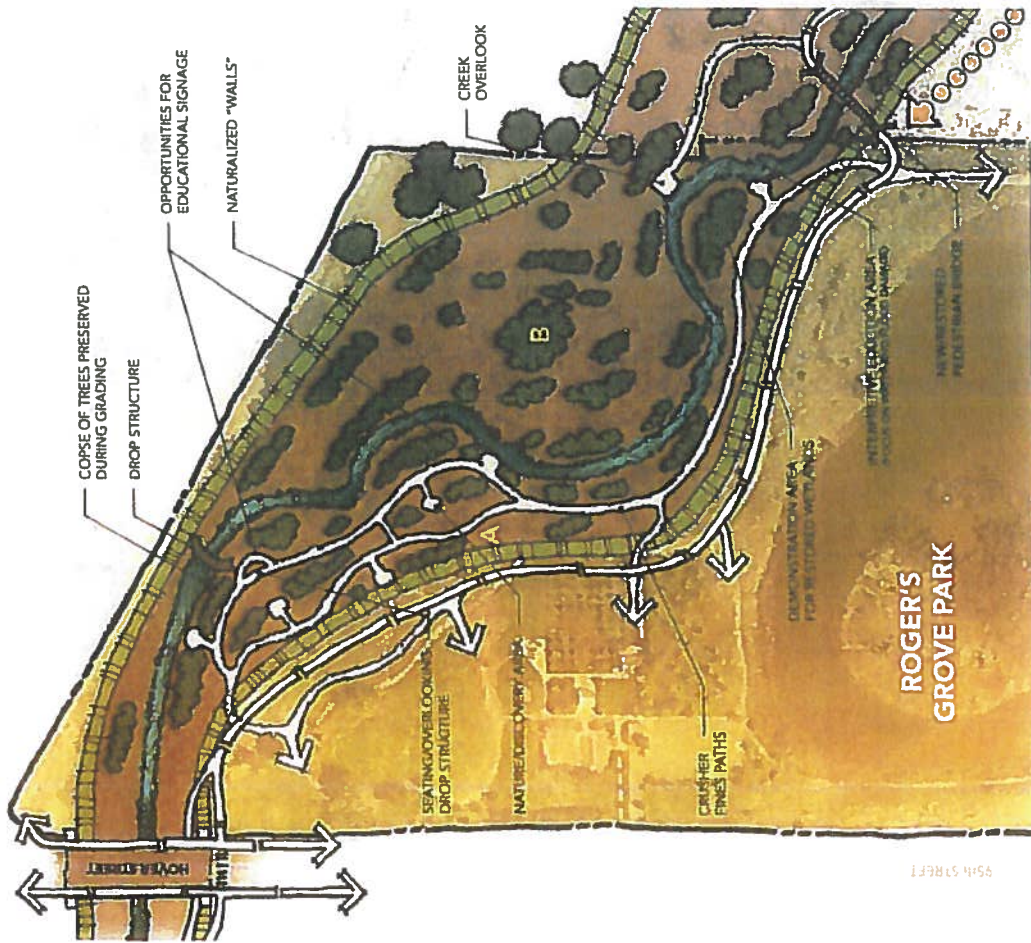
REDEVELOPMENT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Land uses adjacent to the greenway should complement the recreational corridor as well as complement and not compete with uses in the Downtown and Twin Peaks Redevelopment Area
- Areas immediately adjacent to the greenway and related park and open space should be developed for uses that bring people to the area as well as activities that complement the recreational aspect of the amenities
- The area is to evolve over time into an area with a variety of land uses that co-exist. The intention is not to remove land uses from the area but allow new uses to be added that address the needs of the community, including its economy
- New development should respect existing development on adjacent ("good neighbor concept")
- Taller buildings (up to current zoning allowances) are appropriate in this area
- There is a need for a variety of land uses within the community which could be accommodated within the study area. These include the mixed industrial uses currently found in the area, but also family employment and multifamily residential uses





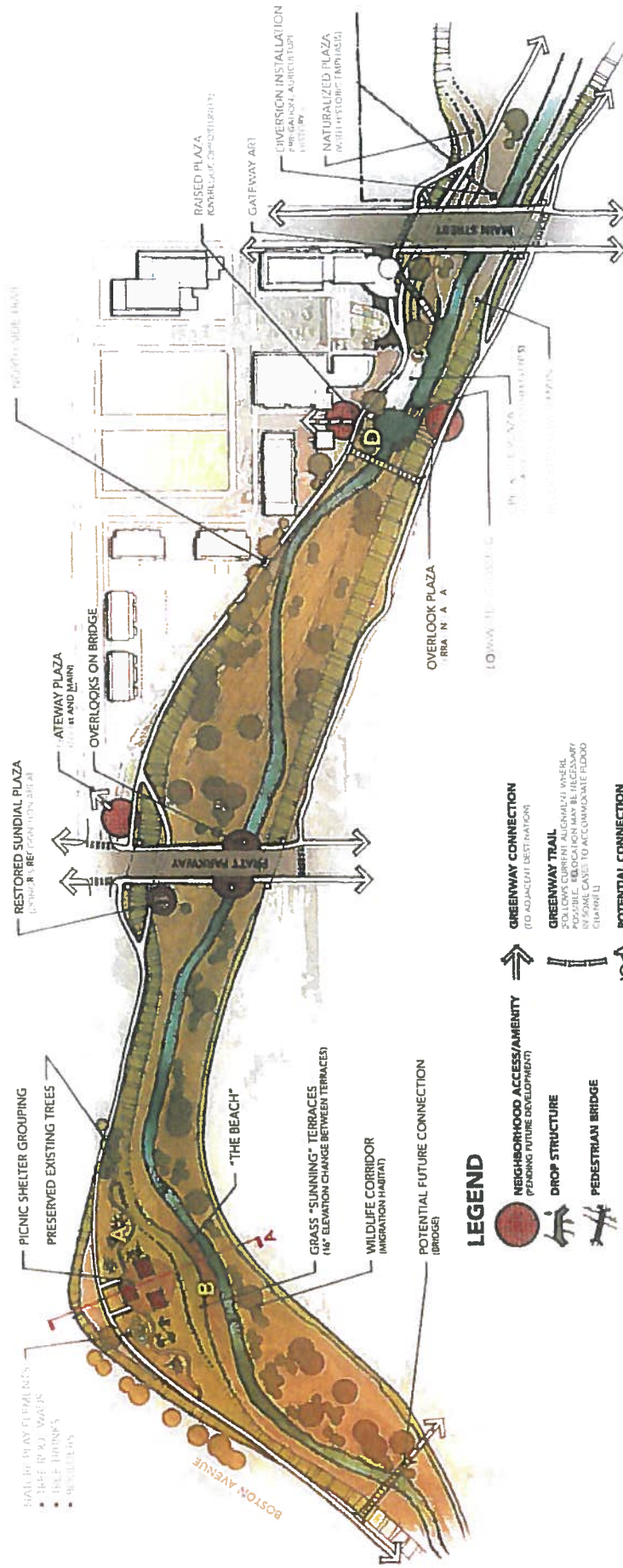
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ROGER'S GROVE CONCEPT PLAN : NATURE EDUCATION



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PRATT PARKWAY AND MAIN STREET BRIDGE FOCUS AREA SITE PLAN

LEGEND

- NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS/AMENITY (PENDING FUTURE DEVELOPMENT)
- DROP STRUCTURE
- PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
- ESTIMATED EDGE OF GREENWAY WIDENING
- GREENWAY CONNECTION (TO ADJACENT DESTINATION)
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SECTION [A] VRAIN RIVER BRIDGE



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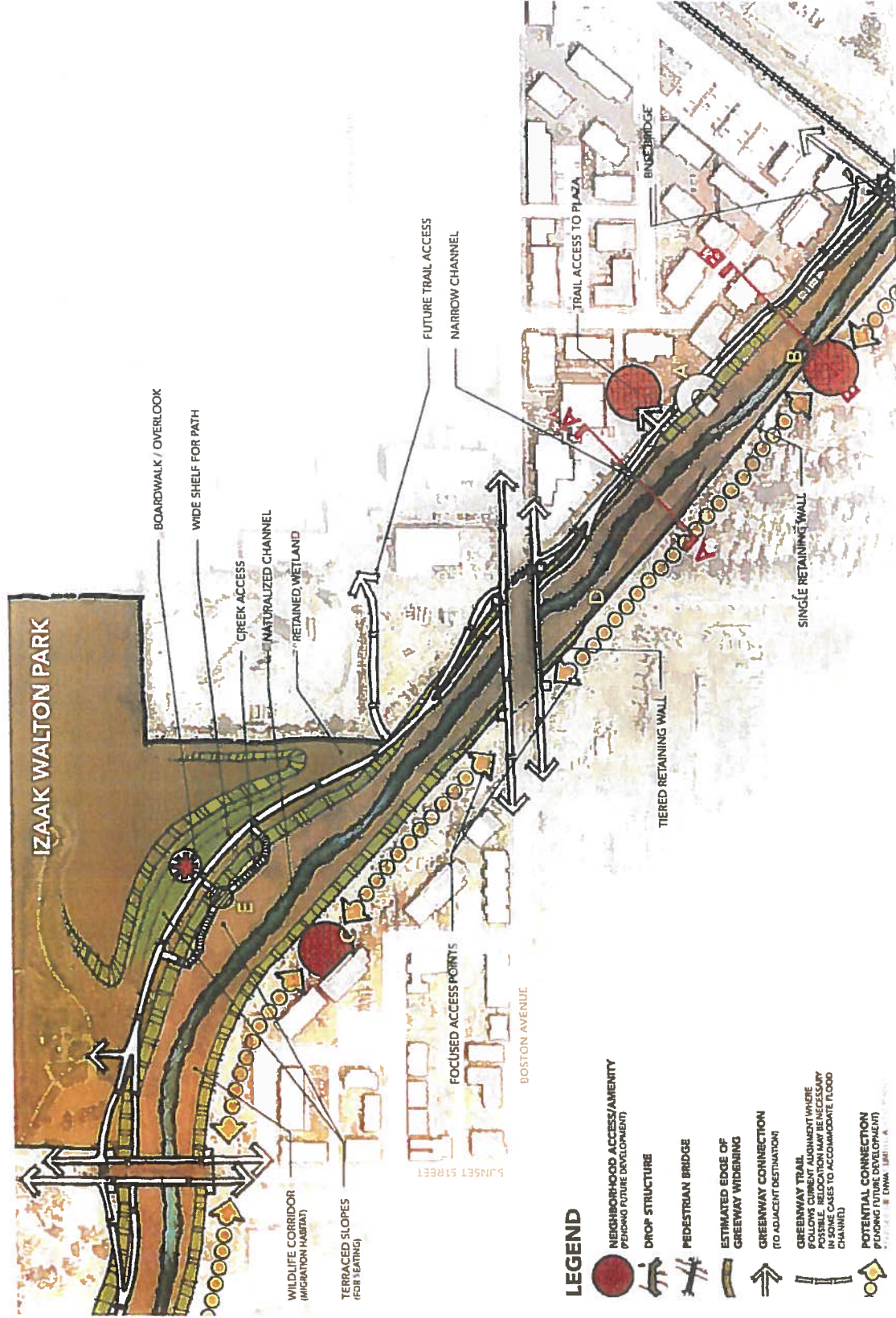
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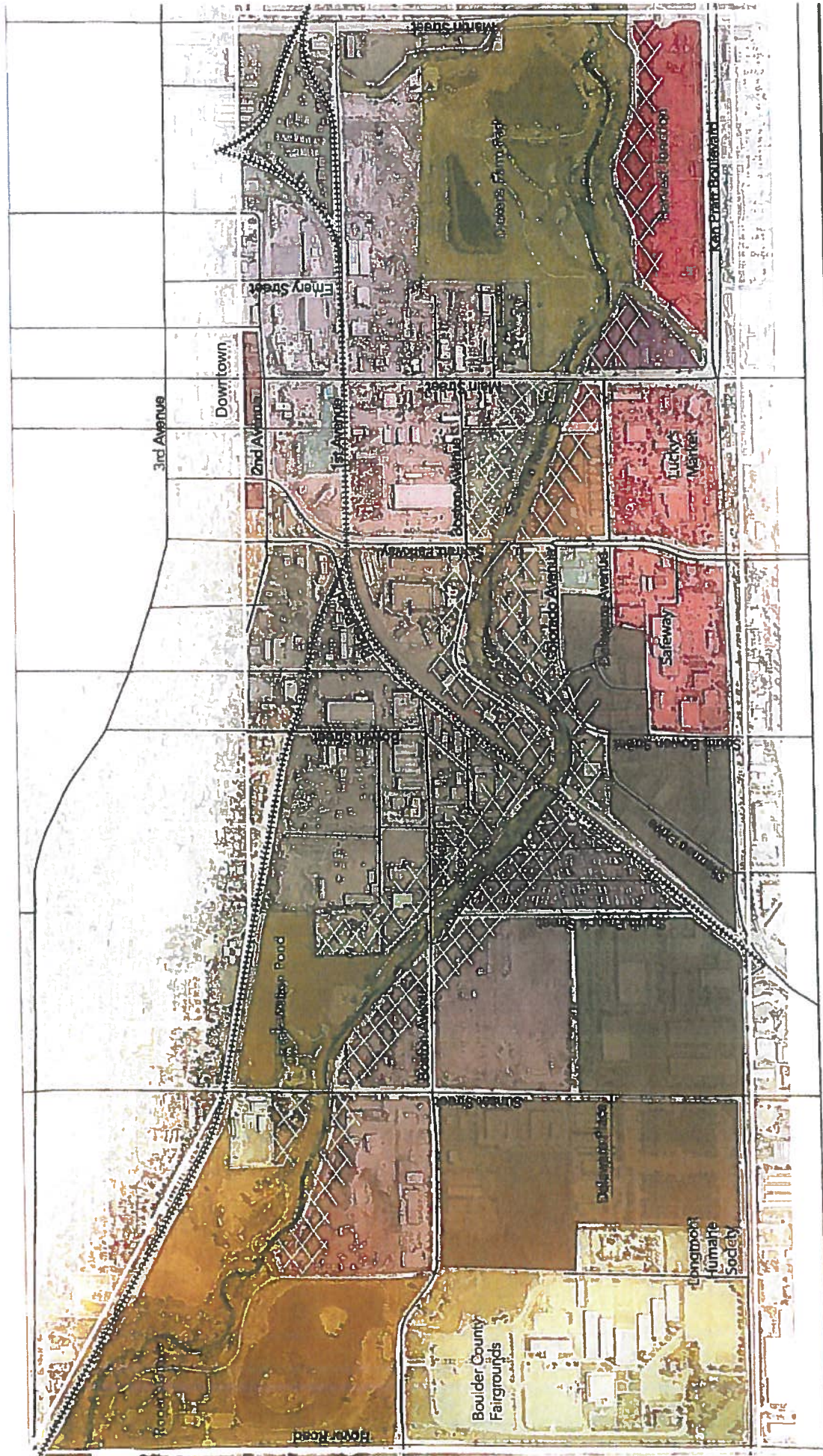
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IZAAK WALTON POND + LEFTHAND BREWERY DESIGN FOCUS AREA SITE PLAN

















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Land Use Preferred Alternative
All Future Land Uses

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|---|------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
|  | major road |  | St. Vrain corridor |  | multi-neighborhood commercial |  | medium density residential |
|  | minor road |  | public and quasi-public |  | strip commercial |  | high density residential |
|  | railroad |  | mixed industrial |  | mixed use (1st & Main Plan) |  | parks / open space / greenway |
|  | |  | mixed industrial prime / multiple use |  | retail cluster |  | greenway overlay |
| | |  | entertainment / high density residential |  | | | |

ENCOURAGED LAND USES

Many land uses are encouraged in the study area. Some of the land uses will be oriented to the greenway recreation aspect; others are overall city economic development opportunities. Encouraged land uses include:

- Office
- Employment areas for target industries: advanced technologies, bio-sciences, professional services and design
- Multi-family residential
- Art studios
- Maker-spaces
- Business incubators
- Outdoor oriented retail: equipment rental, bike shops
- Active lifestyle uses: coffee shops, restaurants with outdoor dining space, snack/ice cream vendors, food trucks
- Hospitality/hotels
- Breweries with tasting rooms



GREENWAY ORIENTATION - new development is to face the greenway and provide additional recreational or entertainment amenities



MULTI-FAMILY & EMPLOYMENT USES - Multi-family residential and employment uses will bring more people to the area

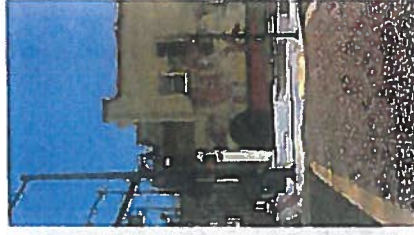
UNIFORM DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

To create an overall "timeless" framework, new development should

- Respect proposed street grid to ensure development potential and future connectivity of streets
- Have wide continuous sidewalks that are landscaped to provide shade and aesthetic appeal to the area so it invites people to walk around and spend time
- Have buildings that are oriented to the pedestrian and streetscape so that they are inviting to visitors
- Have a structure and design that will allow them to transform from a machine shop today to a barber shop, office, or maker-space tomorrow
- Avoid parking as a dominant use of any site. Parking should be located behind buildings or toward the rear of the site.
- All streets should include sidewalks, bike lanes or routes, transit stops, and street crossing opportunities



MULTIPLE USE - multiple use allows for a variety of different land use types - residential, services, light industrial, commercial, etc. - to coexist in the same area



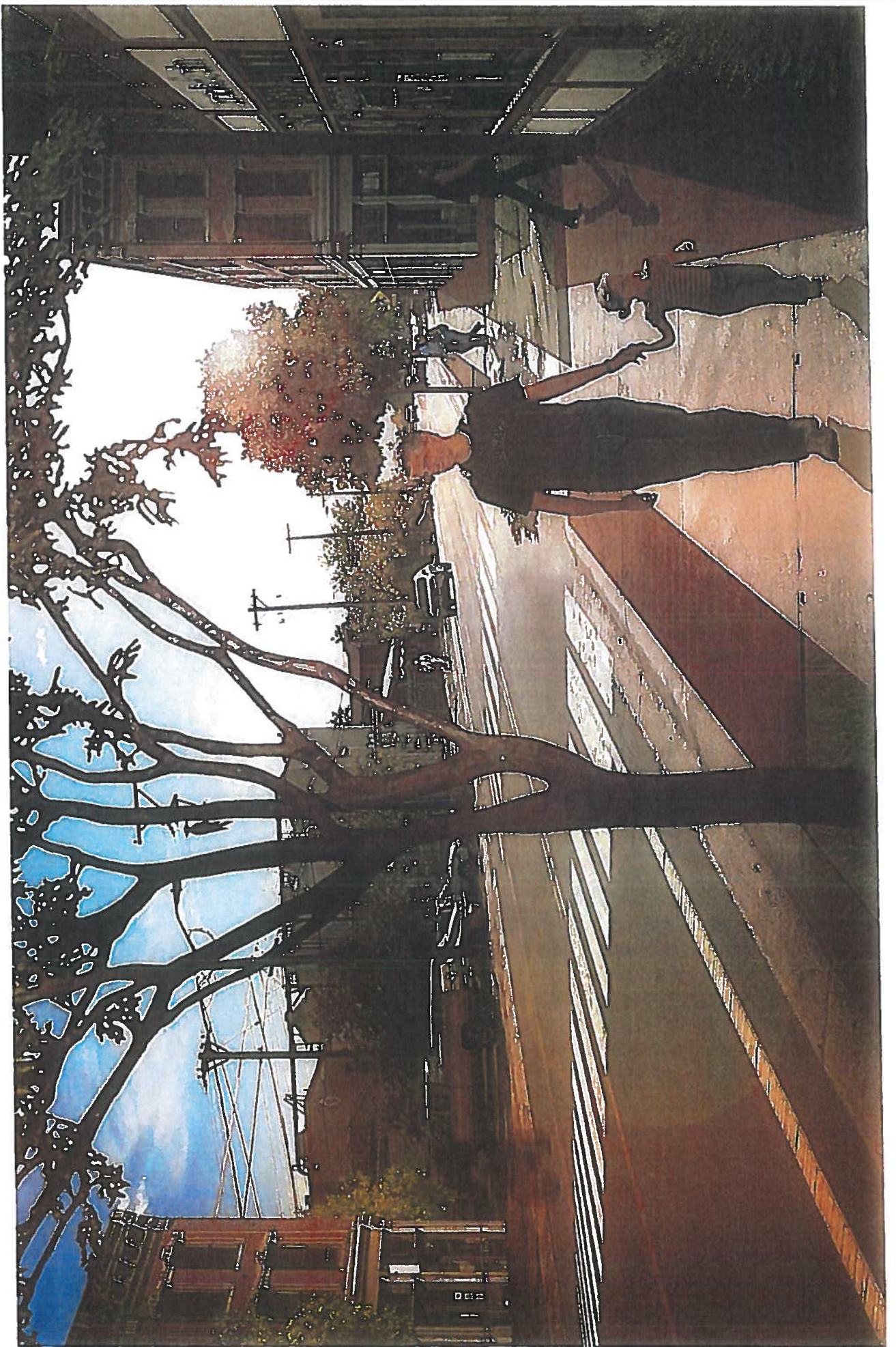
STREETS - people should be able to easily access the area

LAND USE & URBAN DESIGN CONCEPTS

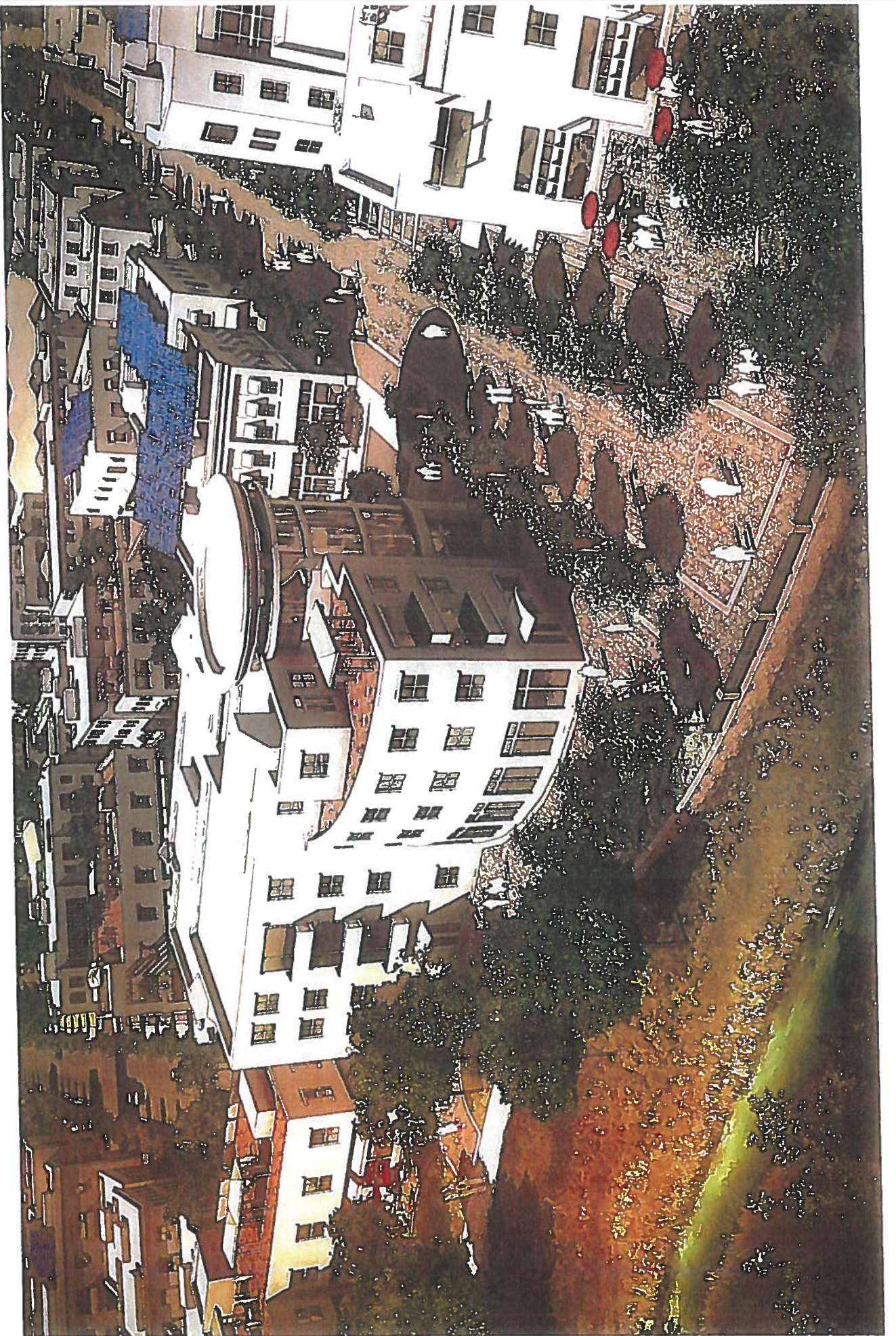


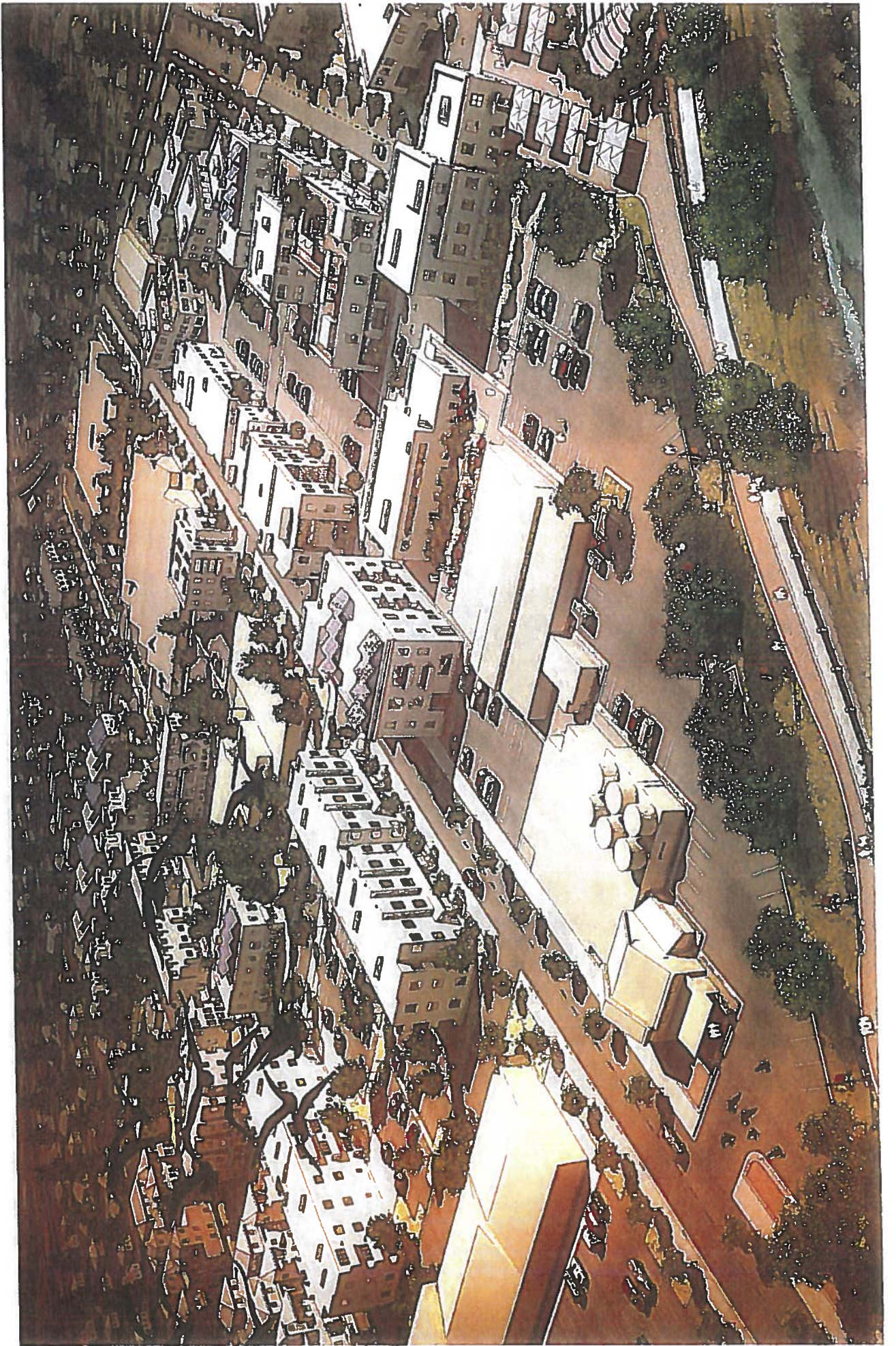
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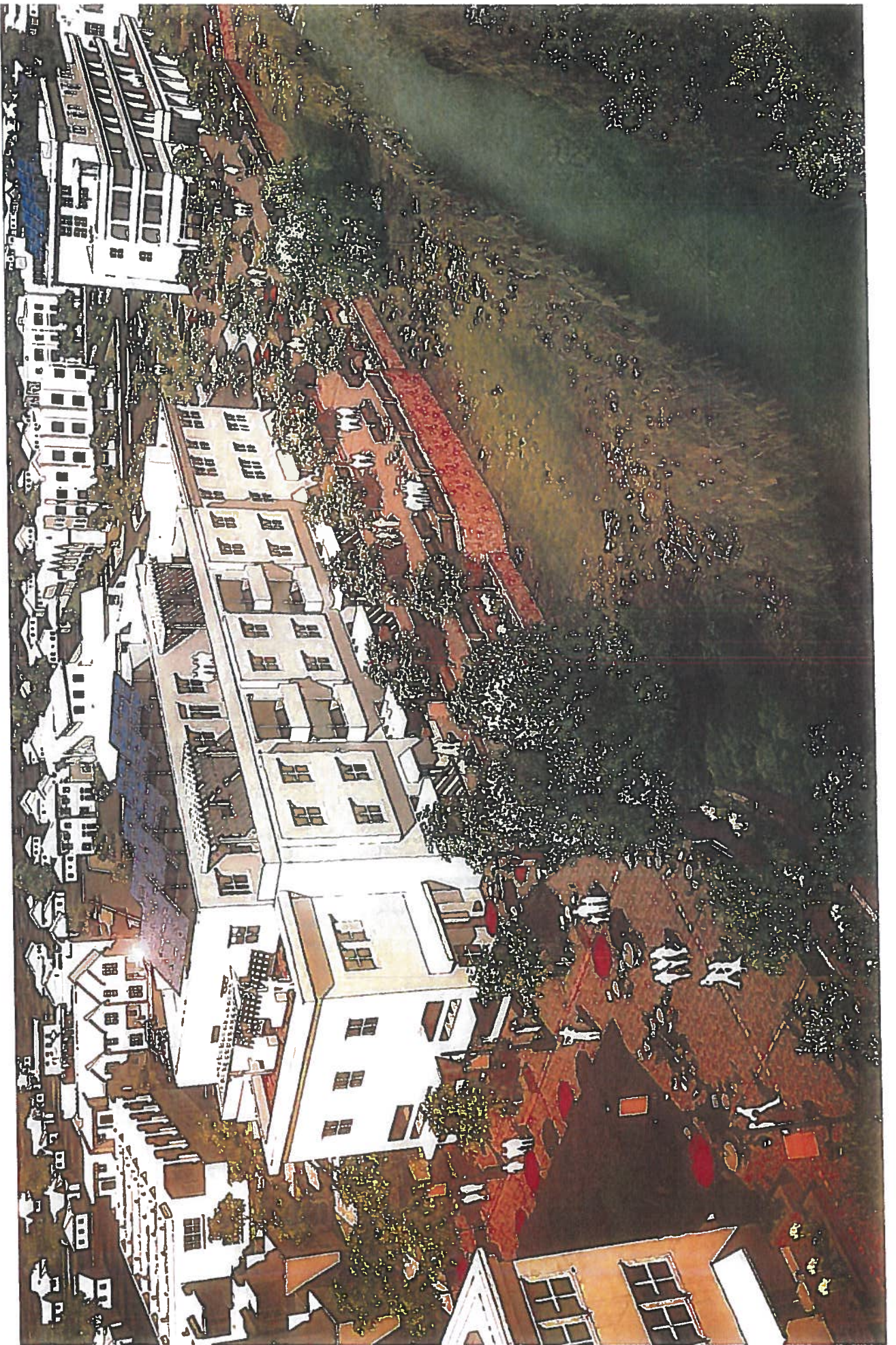


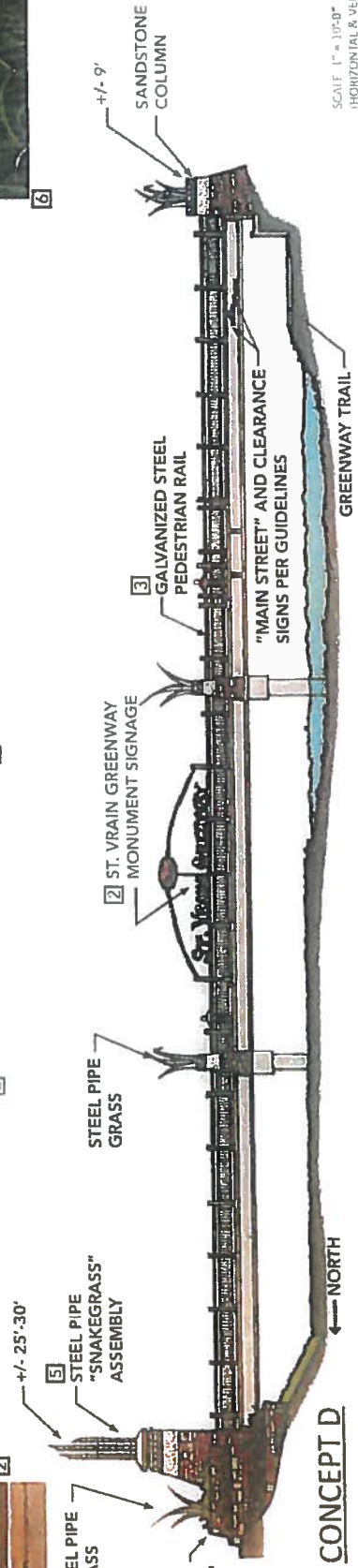
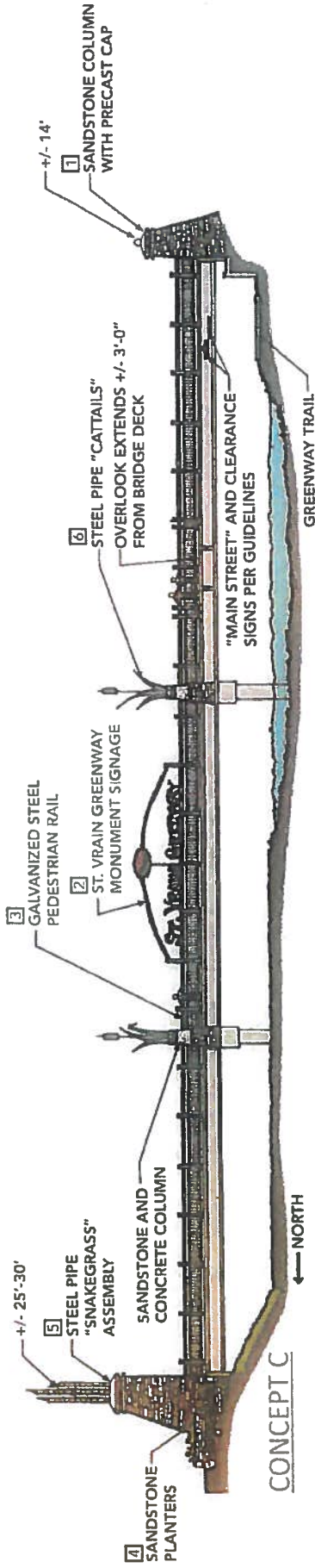




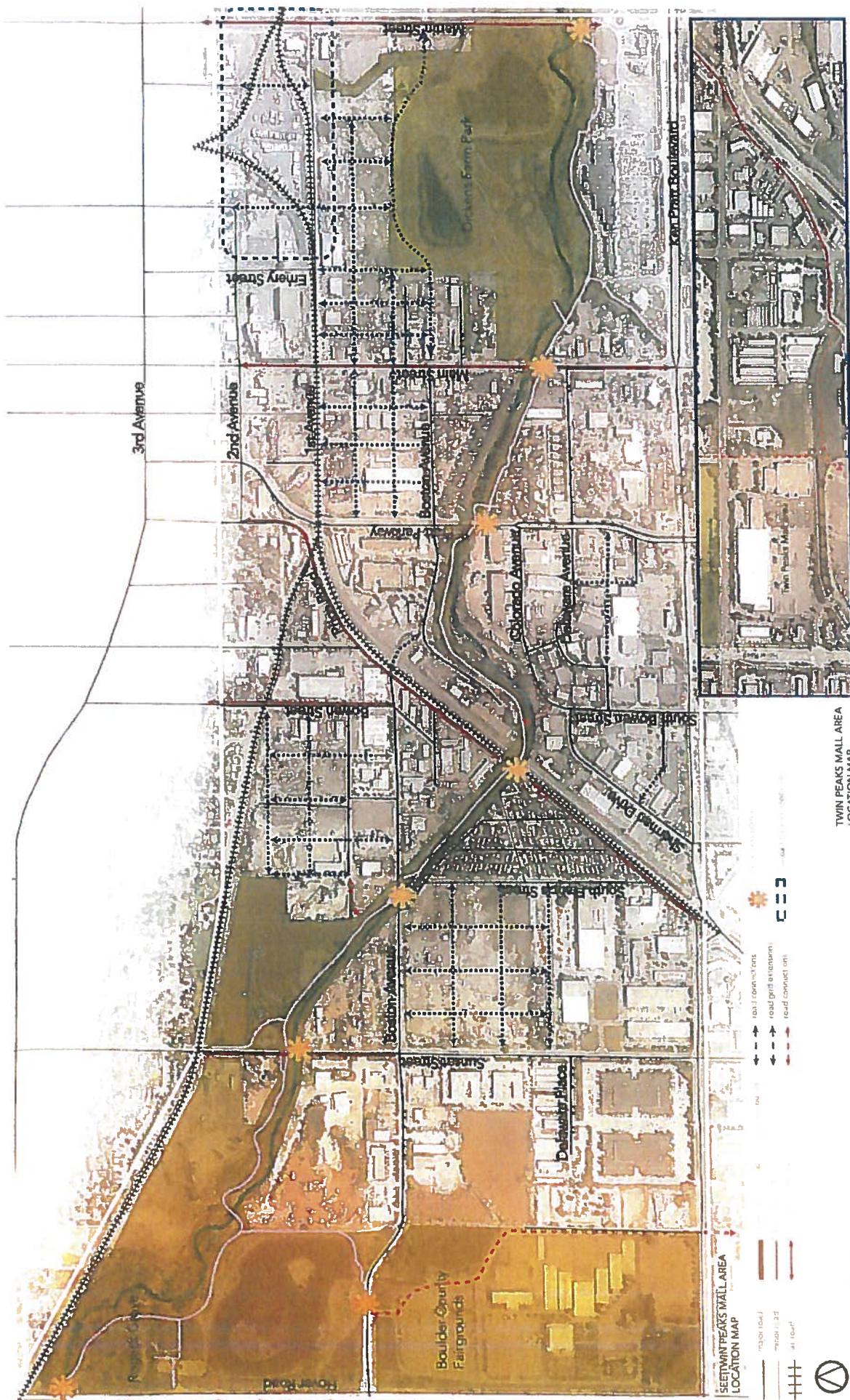








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TWIN PEAKS MALL AREA
LOCATION MAP

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CONNECTIVITY CONCEPTS



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD



Meeting Date: September 8, 2014

Subject: Greenways, Parks, Open Space and Natural Resources Update

The following summarizes the Natural Resources Division, Park Development projects and issues for the past month:

- **Dry Creek Community Park** –Final Acceptance is anticipated to have been given by mid-August. As previously mentioned, the sports fields will remain off limits for the remainder of this season. The rest of the park is now open with an 'official' grand opening to occur this fall.
- **St. Vrain Phase 12 – Golden Ponds to Pella** – On hold. Land negotiations will continue as time permits.
- **St. Vrain Phase 13 – Sandstone Ranch to St. Vrain State Park** –On hold. Land negotiations are ongoing.
- **Jim Hamm Pond Phase 3** –Construction continues and will be ongoing this summer.
- **Quail Campus Tennis** –95% plans are being revised by the consultants. Construction is planned for 2015.
- **Flood Projects:**
 - **Kanemoto Pump House Replacement** –This project is under construction. Walsh Construction is the awarded contractor. Work will continue into early fall.
 - **Kanemoto Pool Replacement** – Ohlson Lavoie Collaborative is underway with design based on staff and public comment from the July 15 open house which was well attended. Information will be provided to attendees at National Night Out at Kanemoto Park.
 - **Lefthand Creek Greenway** – Construction is underway and substantial progress has been made. It is anticipated that the trail will be reopened and improvements completed by the end of October.
 - **St. Vrain Greenway trail** –
 - Design for the section between the confluence of Lefthand Creek and east to the confluence of Dry Creek is underway. Construction start is expected in September 2014.
 - Construction of an interim trail from Boston Ave to the railroad tracks will begin in July 2014 and will last 2 -3 months.
 - Boulder County will begin repairs of the Boston Underpass and road beginning July 2014
 - **Open Space** – Bids are being prepared for the culvert replacement at Boulder Creek Estates and three areas of fencing along Open Space properties that will be repaired in the fall 2014.
- **Park Renewal Projects:**



- **Garden Acres Park Renewal Plan and Playground Replacement** – The City has hired BHA Design out of Fort Collins to lead the Master Plan Update/Park Renewal Plan, as well as develop construction drawings and specifications for all funded phases of renewal. The project was kicked-off with staff in July and stakeholder and a public open house were held in August. Staff and the consultants are reviewing all of the input and information received in order to develop a preliminary plan.
- **Spangler & Lanyon Park Renewal Plans and Playground Replacement** – Park Renewal Plans have been finalized. The consultant team is continuing to develop specific plans for the playgrounds and other site improvements.
- **Dawson, Raber, and Rothrock Dell Playground Replacements** – A public open house was held on August 7, 2014 to gather initial input on the playground designs. The consultant team is working with playground vendors to develop options for the replacement playgrounds.
- **Kensington North Playground Replacement** – Staff attended a neighborhood meeting on July 22, 2014 to gather input on the playground design as shown in the 2005 Kensington Park Master Plan. The consulting team is developing plans for the playground according to the Master Plan design. 50% design development plans are nearly complete.
- **Affolter Park Playground Replacement** – Staff has hired Confluent Design and Urban Play Studio to assist with playground design and site planning for the playground replacement project. In August staff kicked off the project with the consultant and also met with Indian Peaks Elementary School students as well as SVVSD officials to develop partnerships with the design and implementation of the project.
- **Affolter Irrigation Replacement** – Work on the Affolter irrigation system, including filter replacement will occur during the summer/fall 2014.
- **Sandstone Shelter Roofs** – The roof replacements/repairs is currently out to bid.
- **Spring Gulch #2 Greenway** – Construction of Phase 1, which includes the underpass at Highway 119 and a concrete trail in the right of way on the northern side of the highway between the underpass and 3rd Avenue, is underway with completion expected late in the summer of 2014. The design of the balance of the project is at approximately 65% and is planned to be completed by the end of 2014, with funding for construction being proposed in 2016 and 2017. Necessary land acquisition for both phases is complete.
- **Missing Trails and Sidewalk Connections** – The priority for 2014 is the Oligarchy Ditch Greenway between Main Street and 17th Avenue. Design for this project will start in the 3rd quarter of 2014.
- **Boulder County Regional Mountain Trails Master Plan** – No new information. Project is on hold due to the September 2013 flood. Boulder County is the lead on developing the master plan with several federal, state and local agencies supporting the effort. Information on the project will be located at www.RegionalMountainTrails.com. The agencies completed the public listening sessions.
- **Open Space**
- **Parks Maintenance Operations Updates:**
 - Parks operations has been focusing on weed management and additional mowing in the non-irrigated areas of the city.

- Operations has been working with the LPD to address the homeless population issues that appear to be increasing in several city parks. The main concerns in the parks have been groups hanging out in selected shelters reducing access for other park users, sleeping in the landscape beds and locking themselves in the restroom's- day and night. Strategies being implemented have been:
 - Providing officers with access to keys and control rooms to allow them to check restrooms when suspected of abuse
 - Trimming back landscape beds more than usual to increase visibility for PD patrols
 - Reviewing the lighting in parks to make any correction or improvements to help PD have better visibility in the parks

Upcoming Council Items (Council communications are available at http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/city_council/agendas/agendas.htm)

- August 12, 2014 – GOCO Flood Grant Agreement
- Aug 5, 2014 – St. Vrain Flood Improvement Project Update
- Aug. 26, 2014 – Spangler & Lanyon Park Renewal Plans (info item)

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Recreation Master Plan

Memorandum

To: Longmont Parks and Recreation Advisory Board;
Recreation Master Plan Staff Team

From: MIG Project Team

Date: August 27, 2014

RE: August Update: Recreation Master Plan;
ADA Self Assessment and Transition Plan

The following update is provided by the project team Recreation Master Plan and the ADA Self-Assessment and Transition Plan (ADA Plan) progress through the end of May.

Recreation Master Plan

Developing and Refining Strategic Directions

Recreation Services is refining the directions and actions that are specific to this division with an understanding of both the internal and external partnerships that will be necessary to enhance the recreation opportunities in Longmont. The current draft of this strategic framework is included with this update.

Creating Strategic Tools

In August, the project team held a series of meetings with key staff members to refine the list of potential implementation tools and develop the content within them. These tools are now under development and will be a part of the draft plan to be reviewed by the PRAB and the community.

ADA Plan Update

Final additions and revisions are being completed by the project team in advance of the public (and PRAB) review of the ADA plan. The details of this public review are still being worked out.

If you have questions or would like to get involved in the ADA Plan or the Recreation Master Plan, please contact Jeff Friesner, Manager of Recreation Services for the City of Longmont, 303-651-8393 or email: jeff.friesner@ci.longmont.co.us.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD



Meeting Date: September 8, 2014

Agenda Item: Items from Staff

Subject: Recreation Update

Presenter: Jeff Friesner

Suggested Action: Information

The following summarizes Recreation programs and issues for the past month:

Centennial Campus

1. Roosevelt Activity Pool ended the 2014 summer swim season on Sunday August 17th. As in previous years, dog swims were hosted with the Pet Therapy dog party on Monday, and the annual dog swims on Tuesday and Wednesday. 356 dogs participated in these events which was an increase of 95 over 2013. Aspen Meadows Veterinary was also on site to provide dog first aid if needed.
2. The majority of summer swim lessons ended at Centennial, Sunset & Kanemoto pools between August 8 and 15. Sunset Pool offered a 3 week session of pre-school swim lessons August 11-28.
3. Hosted a CARA Dive Meet at Centennial Pool on Saturday August 2nd with about 65 Front Range CARA Divers. Dive meets are now split into two sessions, beginner and advanced to accommodate the larger number of divers.
4. Monday, August 4th Sunset Pool hosted the end of season CARA Swim Team party for all three City of Longmont Teams, Centennial Pool Tsunamis, Sunset Pool Swordfish, Longmont Recreation Center Piranhas. 165 swimmers and parents participated. This is the thank you party for the parents for helping host the home swim meet in July, and thank you to the swimmers for their hard work during the summer time.
5. Karen Schaub, Youth Program Leader moved to New York State to be closer to family. Due to Karen leaving, it was decided not to fill her position and no longer offer The Place programming at Sunset and Longs Peak Middle Schools.
6. Intramural Soccer began practice on Monday, August 25th. Seven teams were going to participate with 2 teams at most of the schools. However, due to Karen Schaub leaving and the aquatics team being short staffed, Timberline may have to drop out due to not having coaches for the program. The schools that will be participating are Sunset Middle, Longs Peak Middle, Thunder Valley K-8, Twin Peaks Charter Academy, Westview Middle, and Imagine of Frederick.



7. On August 10th the lifeguard aquatic staff had an end of summer training at Union Reservoir. The staff participated in team building games to promote unity with the staff at Centennial and Longmont Rec Center.
8. A successful CPR/AED & First Aid class was taught by Heather Deal on August 17th. There were 12 students ranging in age from 12-65 years learning the basic to responding to emergency situations.
9. Longmont Recreation Center pool will be receiving a new play structure during its closure week August 25-31. The tree slide will be removed, an existing pipe features will be recoated with colors to match the double slide play structure that will go in the center of the leisure pool. A tentative date of September 24 has been set for a dedication to this new feature.
10. Sara Taylor was promoted to Program Supervisor for the City and began work her new duties on Monday, August 11. An Aquatic Specialist position has been posted to fill the vacancy from Sara's promotion.
11. During Centennial Pool's closure, Aug 16 -24, the pool was acid washed and re-grouted in most spots. The gutters were cleaned and the facility, including the fitness equipment was thoroughly cleaned as well. Some spot painting was also completed to get ready for Centennial's 40th birthday/reunion bash on Saturday, October 4 from 5-8pm.
12. Plans are underway for the 40th annual Turkey Trot to be held November 8. Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage have continued their sponsorship. A 1974 theme is planned for this event.

Roosevelt Campus

1. The new Administrative Assistant position has been filled by Jennifer Wojniak. She will begin on Tuesday, September 2nd.
2. The St. Vrain Memorial Building completed the annual cleaning shut down for maintenance on August 11-17. The majority of the work took place in the gymnasium with the installation of a new sport court floor. Wellness room floor refinishing, carpet cleaning & repair, deep locker room cleaning and interior painting of the bleacher floors occurred. Exterior building lighting was completed with the addition of two new path lights in the drop off area.
3. Summer programs and camps are winding down. The Summer Day Camp program had 196 children participating this year. Again this year, the daily option was very popular and we keep seeing the participation numbers rise.
4. Concerts in the Park ended on a great note on July 22. Attendance continues to grow and the selection and diversity of music is phenomenal. Every other Tuesday evening in Roosevelt Park continue to be very popular.
5. Fall rentals and new fall classes are beginning to fill up the Memorial Building! Longmont Christian School volleyball, on-going athletic leagues and program expansion leave little free time in the building. Building hours are being expanded to 9:00 p.m. on certain evenings to cover the program expansion.

6. Summer Street Concerts in Downtown Longmont wrapped up on Friday evenings for the summer on July 25. Beer and wine sales were very successful and provided an extra revenue source for future events.
7. The Longmont Lights Celebration will be held on December 12 and 13. LED lights around the park will be lit on Friday, November 28th. Event components will include: Santa's Workshop, Ice Show at the Ice Pavilion, fire pits, night parachute drop and much more! A complete event guide will be available in November.
8. Sandstone Ranch Visitors Center had record attendance this summer. Acoustic musicians, nature lectures, Pioneer Camps and Fun Fridays filled the summer. Every other Saturday from 10am-2pm a special artist, author or guest would provide a free experience about outdoor or local historical education.

Quail Campus

1. The Recreation Center continued to be busier than we thought it would be. July's revenues for admissions and passes year to date are up about \$54,000 and overall revenues are up over \$68,000 as compared to 2013.
2. The project of replacing RTU unit #2 started in June and was completed in July with computer adjustments continuing into early August.
3. The Recreation Center maintenance closure was the week of August 24th – 31st. Work completed during the closure was the gym floor screened and polyurethane applied. Fitness room floor will be sanded down to the wood this year and re-started with new poly surface. Painting will occur in the lobby, locker room hall and track areas. Broken tiles will be replaced in the locker rooms and pool. Grout will be added to several shower areas. Ceiling fans will be replaced in the weight and fitness rooms. Tile grout on the main floor will be deep cleaned. Carpet will be cleaned building wide. Climbing wall will have some electrical conduit and lights moved to avoid being kicked by climbers in addition to the usual takedown and cleaning of all holds. And, as usual, babysitting, the natatorium, offices, and the rest will receive a deep cleaning. Lastly (and biggest) the main spray amenity will be replaced in the leisure pool with updated spray/waterfall/slide amenities. The tree slide will be going away with replacement of this structure.

Athletics

1. Fall Adult Softball started in August with 80 teams registered. This is a slight decline of 8 teams from 2013. Fall Adult Kickball started in August with 7 teams. This is up from the previous two fall seasons.
2. Athletics Field maintenance crew has the start of all Fall sports programs which means prep and lining of 11 soccer fields, 3 football fields for youth and adult soccer leagues, youth lacrosse, adult ultimate Frisbee league and youth and adult football programs. They are also preparing for the return of youth softball and baseball.
3. The Sandstone Ranch soccer complex was a first time venue for the Players Cup Soccer tournament hosted by St Vrain Football Club and FC Boulder Soccer. A total of 218 teams

participated in this multi city tournament, 10 soccer fields were prepped and utilized at Sandstone during this 4 day event.